

SECOND REGULAR SESSION
HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 1703
101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To repeal section 590.060, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof three new sections relating to peace officer training.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 590.060, RSMo, is repealed and three new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 590.060, 590.1070, and 590.1075, to read as follows:

590.060. 1. The POST commission shall establish minimum standards for training instructors and training centers, and the director shall establish minimum qualifications for admittance into a basic training course.

2. The director shall license training instructors, centers, and curricula, and may probate, suspend and revoke such licenses upon written notice stating the reasons for such action. Any person aggrieved by a decision pursuant to this subsection may appeal as provided in chapter 536.

3. Each person seeking entrance into a basic training program shall submit a fingerprint card and authorization for a criminal history background check to include the records of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to the training center where such person is seeking entrance. The training center shall cause a criminal history background check to be made and shall cause the resulting report to be forwarded to the director. The person seeking entrance may be charged a fee for the cost of this procedure.

4. **Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no law enforcement agency or political subdivision empowered by law to maintain a law enforcement agency shall contract with any public or private entity to provide law enforcement training unless the entity's instructors and curriculum have been approved by the department of public safety.**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

590.1070. 1. There is hereby established within the department of public safety the "Peace Officer Basic Training Tuition Reimbursement Program". Any moneys appropriated by the general assembly for this program shall be used to provide tuition reimbursement for:

(1) Qualifying Missouri residents who have paid tuition at a state licensed basic law enforcement training center for the basic law enforcement training required for a peace officer license in this state and who have been employed as a full-time peace officer in this state for a specified period; and

(2) Qualifying government entities that have paid tuition for an employee to receive the basic law enforcement training required for a peace officer license in this state at a licensed basic law enforcement training center when such employee has been employed as a full-time peace officer for a specified period.

2. The Missouri POST Commission shall be the administrative agency for the implementation of the tuition reimbursement program established under this section, and shall:

(1) Prescribe the form and the time and method of awarding tuition reimbursement under this section and shall supervise the processing thereof; and

(2) Select qualifying recipients to receive reimbursement under this section and determine the manner and method of payment to the recipient.

3. To be eligible to receive tuition reimbursement under subdivision (1) of subsection 1 of this section, a person shall:

(1) Be initially employed as a peace officer on or after September 1, 2022;

(2) Submit to the commission an initial application for tuition reimbursement, and annually thereafter for each year of qualifying employment, in the manner and on a form prescribed by the commission that requires:

(a) Employer verification of the person's employment as a full-time peace officer in this state for at least one year and the person's current employment as a peace officer in this state as of the date of the application;

(b) A transcript containing the person's basic police training coursework and his or her date of graduation; and

(c) A statement of the total amount of tuition the applicant paid to the basic training center for his or her basic training;

(3) Be currently employed, and have completed at least one year of employment, as a full-time peace officer in this state; and

(4) Comply with any other requirements adopted by the commission under this section.

37 **4. To be eligible to receive tuition reimbursement under subdivision (2) of**
38 **subsection 1 of this section, a government entity shall:**

39 **(1) Be the employer of a peace officer who was initially employed on or after**
40 **September 1, 2022;**

41 **(2) Submit to the commission an initial application for tuition reimbursement,**
42 **and annually thereafter for each year of the employee's qualifying employment, up to**
43 **four years, in the manner and on a form prescribed by the commission that requires:**

44 **(a) Verification of the employee's full-time employment as a peace officer in this**
45 **state for at least one year and the employee's current employment as a peace officer in**
46 **this state as of the date of the application;**

47 **(b) A transcript containing the employee's basic police training coursework and**
48 **his or her date of graduation; and**

49 **(c) A statement of the total amount of tuition and fees the employer paid to the**
50 **basic training center for the employee's basic training;**

51 **(3) Certify that the employee is currently employed, and has completed at least**
52 **one year of employment, as a full-time peace officer in this state; and**

53 **(4) Comply with any other requirements adopted by the commission under this**
54 **section.**

55 **5. Tuition reimbursement granted under this section, subject to the availability**
56 **of funds, shall be reimbursed as follows:**

57 **(1) At the end of one year of continuous employment as a full-time peace officer,**
58 **an applicant or his or her employer, whichever applies, shall be eligible to receive**
59 **reimbursement for twenty-five percent of the total tuition paid to a licensed basic**
60 **training center;**

61 **(2) At the end of two, three, and four years of continuous qualifying employment**
62 **as a full-time peace officer, and submission of documents verifying continued full-time**
63 **employment as a peace officer, an applicant or his or her employer, whichever applies,**
64 **shall be eligible to receive reimbursement each year for twenty-five percent of the total**
65 **tuition paid to a licensed basic training center. A government entity may qualify for**
66 **tuition reimbursement under this subdivision for tuition paid for an employee even if**
67 **such person is no longer employed by the government entity as long as the person for**
68 **whom tuition was paid is still continuously employed as a full-time peace officer.**

69 **6. Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, the total amount**
70 **of tuition reimbursement provided under this section to an eligible person, or to a**
71 **government entity with respect to an employee, shall not exceed six thousand dollars per**
72 **person or employee.**

73 7. The department of public safety shall promulgate all necessary rules and
74 regulations for the administration of the program. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that
75 term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this
76 section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the
77 provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter
78 536 are nonseverable, and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly
79 pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul
80 a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority
81 and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2022, shall be invalid and void.

 590.1075. There is hereby created in the state treasury the "Peace Officer Basic
2 Training Tuition Reimbursement Fund", which shall consist of moneys appropriated
3 annually by the general assembly from general revenue and any gifts, bequests, or
4 donations. The state treasurer shall be custodian of the fund. In accordance with
5 sections 30.170 and 30.180, the state treasurer may approve disbursements. The fund
6 shall be a dedicated fund and, upon appropriation, moneys in the fund shall be used
7 solely for the administration of section 590.1070. Notwithstanding the provisions of
8 section 33.080 to the contrary, any moneys remaining in the fund at the end of the
9 biennium shall not revert to the credit of the general revenue fund. The state treasurer
10 shall invest moneys in the fund in the same manner as other funds are invested. Any
11 interest and moneys earned on such investments shall be credited to the fund.

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